

REMARKS

Claims 1-59 are pending. Claims 1-24 and 54-57 were previously cancelled. Applicant reserves the right to pursue those claims in future prosecution. Claims 25, 47, 49, and 58 are hereby amended, and new claims 60-65 are hereby added. No new matter will be incorporated into the present application by entry of this Amendment. If the Office determines that any additional fees are deemed to be necessary with the filing of this Amendment, then the Office is authorized and requested to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 061910.

Independent claim 25 is amended to correct a spelling error. Independent claims 47 and 49 are amended by adding the language “thereby producing a slab of the gemstone material”. That language is added merely to fit together better with the language of new dependent claims being added in connection with embodiments wherein the slab of gemstone material is subsequently cut into a plurality of faceted gemstones. Dependent claim 58 is amended to focus on commercial embodiments where the slab is cut into faceted gemstones in which at least one layer of dichroic particles is substantially parallel to a girdle of the gemstone.

New claims 60-65 are added to vary the scope of protection being pursued. The new claims focus on selected commercial embodiments. New claims 60, 64, and 65 involve orienting the dichroic particles by rotating the laminate. Reasons why this feature is believed to be non-obvious over the cited art are already of record in the Amendment previously filed on January 17, 2007. New claim 61 requires heating the laminate under vacuum, and the January 17, 2007 Amendment explains why this feature is believed to be non-obvious over the art of record. New claims 62 and 63 require cutting the slab into a plurality of faceted gemstones, and the noted Amendment explains why this feature is non-obvious over the art of record.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that all the claims of the application are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited

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to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

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